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### **Overview**

The Common Origination and Disbursement System (COD) Technical Reference includes information for schools using the COD System. Beginning in the 2005-2006 award year, all schools are required to be Full Participants using the XML Common Record.

The 2005-2006 COD Technical Reference contains message classes, edits, record layouts, implementation guides, and supporting information for COD Pell Grant and Direct Loan Full Participants using the XML Common Record.

## How to Use This Technical Reference

The 2005-2006 COD Technical Reference is comprised of six separate volumes that contain key 2005-2006 development information for COD Full Participants. To use the COD Technical Reference effectively, choose the appropriate volume for your needs. Each volume has its own table of contents and individual sections.

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**Note:** If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this document, please contact the COD School Relations Center at 1-800-4PGRANT for Pell Grants and 1-800-848-0978 for Direct Loans. Staff is available Monday through Friday, 8am-8pm Eastern Time. Or, please email COD Customer Service at codsupport@acs-inc.com.